

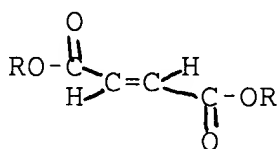
mixture of C₁₂-C₁₅ straight chain alcohols, said mixture comprising 27 to 35% by weight of a C₁₂ [alkyl group] alcohol, 30 to 38% by weight of a C₁₃ [alkyl group] alcohol, 14 to 22% by weight of a C₁₄ [alkyl group] alcohol and 13 to 20% by weight of a C₁₅ [alkyl group] alcohol.

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51. (Once Amended) An [cosmetic] emollient composition [comprising] consisting essentially of the reaction product of fumaric acid and a blend of C₁₂-C₁₅ straight chain alcohols wherein said [emollient] composition is a solid at room temperature and melts at body temperature.

[In claim 52, after "emollient" add --composition--.

5 53. (Once Amended) A lotion composition comprising an emulsifier, thickener, stabilizer, water and an [cosmetic] emollient composition, said [cosmetic] emollient composition comprising 4.5% to 10% by weight of said lotion composition, said [cosmetic] emollient composition [comprising] consisting essentially of compounds of the structure:

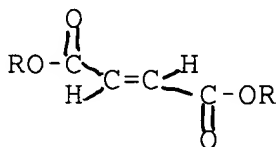


where R is a blend of C₁₂-C₁₅ straight chain alkyl groups and wherein said [cosmetic] emollient composition is a solid at room temperature and melts at body temperature.

6 54. (Once Amended) The lotion composition according to claim 53 wherein said blend [of alcohols] is obtained from a mixture of C₁₂-C₁₅ alcohols which comprises 27 to 35% by weight of a C₁₂ alcohol, 30 to 38 % by weight of a C₁₃ alcohol, 14 to 22% by weight of a C₁₄ alcohol and 13 to 20% by weight of a C₁₅ alcohol.

8 56. (Once Amended) A lipstick composition comprising wax, a pigment dispersion and an [cosmetic] emollient composition,

said [cosmetic] emollient composition comprising 60.3% by weight of said [lotion] lipstick composition, said [cosmetic] emollient composition [comprising] consisting essentially of compounds of the structure:



where R is a blend of C₁₂-C₁₅ straight chain alkyl groups and wherein said emollient composition is a solid at room temperature and melts at body temperature.

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57. (Once Amended) The lipstick composition according to claim 55 wherein said blend is obtained from a mixture of C₁₂-C₁₅ alcohols [of alcohols] which comprises 27 to 35% by weight of a C₁₂ alcohol, 30 to 38% by weight of a C₁₃ alcohol, 14 to 22% by weight of a C₁₄ alcohol and 13 to 20% by weight of a C₁₅ alcohol.

REMARKS

Applicant files this amendment/response under 37 C.F.R. §1.129. After amendment, claims 49-58 are pending in the present application. The amendment to the claims has been made to place the present application in condition for allowance and to clarify the amendment to the claims which was made in the previously submitted amendment/response. The subject matter of the present invention is directed to a novel and non-obvious emollient composition which is characterized by having a melting point which is advantageous for the formulation of a number of cosmetic formulations. The claims have now been drafted using the term "consisting essentially of" to replace the term "comprising" in light of the Examiner's view that the previously submitted claims were overbroad and could have been read onto the disclosure of the cited art, Amaya.

Applicant has amended the claims and inserted the "con-